

sewer, landscaping, solid waste management, signages, site interpretation, refurbishment of historic house and visitor amenities etc.

(c) and (d) A National Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister to commemorate (i) 150th Anniversary of the First War of Independence, 1857; (ii) 60th Anniversary of Indian Independence; (iii) Centenary Celebration of Adoption of Vande Mataram as National Song; (iv) 75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh; and (v) Birth Centenary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh has been constituted along with a National Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Arjun Singh, Minister of Human Resource Development.

Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

2240. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are various tourist spots in different parts of the desert State of Rajasthan, which do not attract many tourists due to lack of proper connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken by Government to get these places connected to mainstream areas;

(c) whether any proposals for projects pertaining to development of tourism received from the State Government of Rajasthan are pending for consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these are likely to be cleared?

The MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government has submitted proposals for Ajmer Sharif, Jaisalmer, Heritage Festival, Rajasthan Day Celebration, Pushkar Fair and Desert Festival.

Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for Tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

(c) and (d) Following projects have been prioritized for the State of Rajasthan in the year 2006-07:

Destination

1. Ajmer Sharif
2. Jaisalmer

Circuits

1. Eco Tourism Circuit
2. Floodlighting of monuments

Events/festivals

1. Heritage Festival
2. Rajasthan Day Celebration
3. Pushkar Fair
4. Desert Festival

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

A list of projects sanctioned for the State of Rajasthan during the Tenth Plan period is given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned to the State of Rajasthan during Tenth Plan

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Project/Scheme	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
2002-2003		
1.	SEL Show at Kumbhalgarh	195.00
2.	SEL Show at Chittorgarh	206.10
3.	General lighting at Kumbhalgarh	33.60

1	2	3
4.	Signages	25.00
5.	Public Utility Complexes at Ramgarh, Fatehpur, Nawalgarh, Dhundlod, Mukundgarh, Mandawa, Kuchhaman	92.00
6.	Upgradation of transport terminal at Mandawa, Mukundgarh Nawalgarh	75.00
7.	Jaipur Heritage Week Celebration	15.00
8.	Public Utility Complex at Amer Fort, Hawa Mahal and Albert Hall	54.00
9.	Landscaping plantation fencing illumination at Fatehpur, Nawalgarh, Mandawa, Khimsar, Ramgarh, Dhundlod	105.00
10.	Lok Rang Festival	5.00
11.	Conservation of Nahargarh Fort	100.00
12.	Conservation and Restoration of Buland Darwaza, Chisti Dargah and Chattries of Nagaur	103.00
13.	Conservation Restoration and Development of Royal Cenotaph and Devikund Sagar, Bikaner	90.00
TOTAL:		1098.70

2003-04

1.	Restoration work at Jaisalmer Fort	82.30
2.	Purchase of Swiss Cottages, Deluxe Cottages & Luxury Cottages for Pushkar	100.00
3.	Integrated development of Pushkar under destination development (Rs. 500.00 lakh):-	
(i)	Dormitories for Visitors at Mela Ground at Pushkar	150.00
(ii)	Stadium and tent platform at Pushkar	74.48
(iii)	Sulabh Sauchalaya at Mela Ground at Pushkar	14.09
(iv)	Development works at Pushkar Ghats	261.43

1	2	3
4.	Civil & Electric Works at Kumbhalgarh Fort	89.36
5.	Civil & Electric works concerning SEL Show at Chittorgarh Fort	70.75
6.	Construction of Visharamsthal at Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00
7.	Renovation of Visharamsthal at Pushkar road, Ajmer	68.50
8.	Development works at Chetak Samadhi at Haldi Ghati	52.08
9.	Development works at Rakt Talai at Haldi Ghati	92.82
10.	Development works at Badshahi Bagh at Haldi Ghati	82.66
11.	Development of Masuria Hills (Veer Durga Das Smarak), Jodhpur	152.34
12.	Development of Samode Village (Distt. Jaipur)	50.00
13.	Development of Neemrana Village (Distt. Alwar)	50.00
14.	Virasat Festival, Jaipur	15.00
TOTAL:		1410.51

2004-05

1.	Development of National Capital Region Tourist Circuit in Rajasthan under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit	738.00
2.	Development of Hadoti Tourist Circuit in Rajasthan under scheme for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit	725.10
3.	Mounting of Sound & Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur	129.26
4.	Development of an Elephant Village (Hathi Gram) at Amber, Jaipur	492.18
5.	IT Project Scheme for translation of the existing Rajasthan tourism portal into five other languages	24.42
6.	Development of Amber Fort Complex at Jaipur	333.33
7.	Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2005	15.00

1	2	3
8.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Samode in Jaipur Distt.	20.00
9.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Haldighati in Rajasamand Distt.	19.32
10.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Neemrana in Alwar Distt.	20.00
11.	Organizing Paragliding	2.45
TOTAL :		2519.06

2005-06

1.	Mounting of Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur	129.26
2.	Development of Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar at Jaipur under Destination Development Scheme	464.32
3.	Integrated development of Mewar-Vagad Circuit comprising of places in Udaipur-Rajasamand-Chittorgarh-Banswara-Doongarpur Districts at Tourist Circuit	580.00
4.	Development of Brij Bhoomi Religious Tourist Circuit comprising of Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana, Jheel, Kalia Devi, Poonchari, Neelkanth, Bharthrihari in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh	477.07
5.	Integrated Development of Pushkar, District Ajmer as a Tourist Destination	434.04
6.	Celebration of Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2006	15.00
TOTAL :		2099.69

2006-07

1.	Integrated Development of Udaipur as a Tourist Destination	276.68
2.	Conservation, Restoration and Preservation of Gagron Fort, Jhalawar Distt., Rajasthan under Destination Dev. Scheme	281.71

1	2	3
3.	Rajasthan Day, 2007	10.00
4.	Jaipur Heritage International Festival, 2007	10.00
5.	Pushkar Fair, 2006	05.00
6.	Desert Festival, 2007	05.00
7.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Haldi Ghati, Distt. Rajsamand	50.00
TOTAL:		638.39

Tourism projects for Kerala

2241. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for projects pertaining to tourism development have been received from the State Government of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal submitted, so far;

(c) the details of projects cleared by the Centre alongwith funds released for each of these projects; and

(d) the present status of these projects, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) From the Tenth Five Year Plan the Ministry of Tourism has been providing central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with them every year under the following schemes:

- (1) Development of Tourist Circuits
- (2) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development
- (3) Large Revenue Generating Projects
- (4) Fairs & Festivals